

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hitoshi Maejima et al.
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Title: DEVICE FOR AND METHOD OF
FASTENING TWO COMPONENT
MEMBERS

Examiner: Robin Annette Hylton

Group Art Unit: 3727

Commissioner for Patents
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER (37 C.F.R. §114)**

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above identified application. This request is being submitted prior to abandonment of the application and in response to the Office Action August 28, 2006. An RCE fee, a Petition for Extension of Time, and excess claims fees are being paid by Electronic Funds Transfer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. **13-4365**.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.